

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2008. Claims 33-36, 41-49, 54-57, and 59-71 are pending. In this response, claims 63 and 70 have been amended. Claim 69 has been canceled. No claims have been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter which is not taught or fairly suggested by the prior art. The Examiner allowed claims 33-36, 41-49, 54-57 and 59-62. The Examiner objected to claims 69 and 70 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejects claims 63-68 and 71 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Anderson (U.S. 6,636,259). In this response, Applicants have amended independent claim 63 to include limitations previously recited in claim 69, which the Examiner indicated as containing subject matter not taught or suggested by the prior art (Office Action, mailed 1/25/2008, page 6). Because independent claim 63 now includes the allowable subject matter, and is not taught or suggested by the prior art, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 63, and the claims that depend therefrom, are not anticipated by Anderson. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 63-68 and 71 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Anderson.

Objected To Claims

The Examiner objects to claims 69 and 70 and as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As discussed above, Applicants have amended independent claim 63 to include the limitations of claim 69, which are indicated as containing allowable matter. Furthermore, Applicants have amended claim 70 to depend from claim 63. In light of the amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to claim 70 has been overcome.

Conclusion

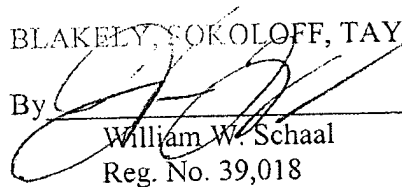
Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the doctrine of equivalents. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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